

Analysis of the salary trajectories in Luxembourg

A finite mixture model approach

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Software:

SAS-based Proc Traj procedure

by Bobby L. Jones (Carnegie Mellon University).

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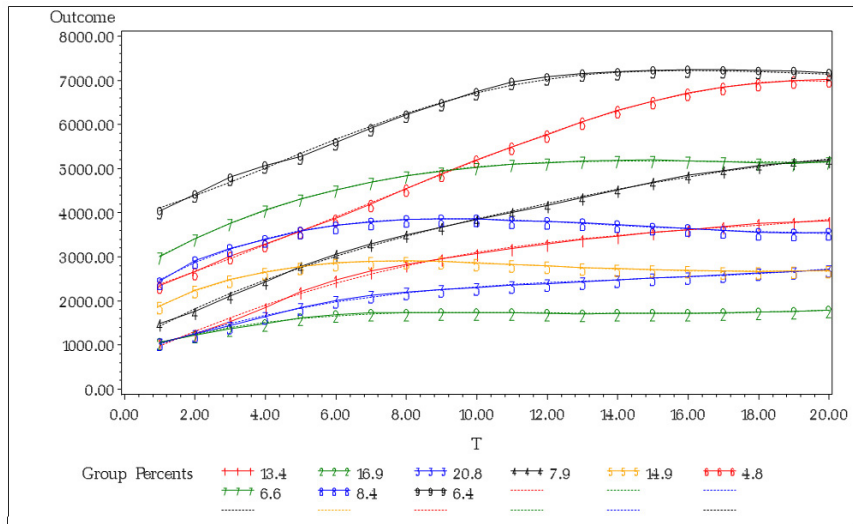
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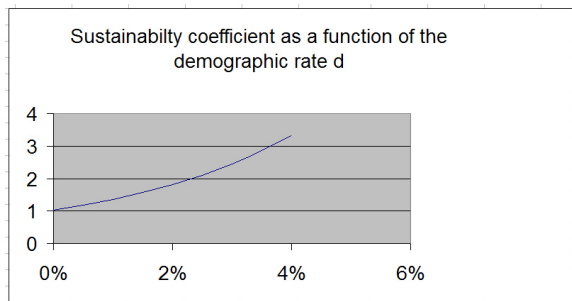
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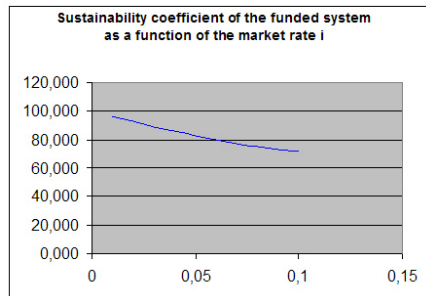
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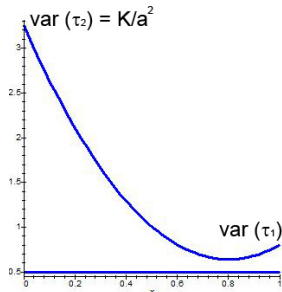
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Moreover the individual needs a constant annual saving amount

$$a^* = \sqrt{\frac{G^* K}{\text{var}(\tau_1)(1 - G^*)}},$$

where $K = \text{Var}\left[\frac{S_j}{a_j(i-\lambda_j)} i^j \frac{(1+i)^T - (1+\lambda_j)^T}{(1+i)^T - 1}\right]$ depends on the salary trajectory.

Example

An individual worker wants to divide by 2 the variability of his PAYG sustainability constraint needs to save annually at least the following amount (depending on his salary evolution subgroup):

Group	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8	G9
Annuity	4466	713	1448	5231	220	6364	2809	743	3140